Wellness Benefit Program

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WELLNESS BENEFIT PROGRAM

 Available to all state agencies and participating political subdivisions in the State's health plan

GOALS:

- Provide funding assistance for on-site wellness and health promotion efforts that will have a positive financial impact on health plan expenditures.
- Encourage work site promotion and increase awareness of lifestyle and wellness programs by our participating employers.
- Provide a resource of programs that can be referenced by others.

Calculation 1:

\$100% of the first \$500 or actual program expense, whichever is less, plus 75% of actual expenses in excess of \$500 to a maximum benefit of \$1,000 OR

Calculation 2:

\$2.00 times the number of health contracts

Eligible for funding to conduct one on-site program each fiscal year. Expenses applied to FY in which incurred.

Example 1:

Calculation 1

Expenses: \$1,000

Calculation 2

Contracts: 250

$$100\% 1^{st} $500 = $500 OR 250 x $2 = $500$$

$$75\%$$
 of \$500 = \$375

T. Reim \$875

Example 2:

Calculation 1

Expenses: \$1,500

Calculation 2

Contracts: 1000

$$100\% 1^{st} $500 = $500 OR 1000 x $2 = $2000$$

75% of \$1,000 = $\frac{$375}{}$ T. Reim $\frac{$1,500}{}$

\$1,250

Max Benefit \$1,000

Example 3:

Calculation 1

Expenses: \$350

Calculation 2

Contracts: 50

 $100\% 1^{st} $500 = 500 **OR** $<math>50 \times $2 = 100

T. Reim = $\frac{$350}{}$

Example 4:

Calculation 1

Expenses: \$5,000

Calculation 2

Contracts: 2000

 $100\% 1^{st} $500 = 500 **OR**2000 x \$2 = \$4000

75% of \$4,500 = \$3,375

\$3,875

Max Benefit

\$1,000

T. Reim

\$4,000

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Employer Initiated Program Work site develops own program and submits application to NDPERS for consideration.
- PERS Sponsored Program PERS develops specific programs and make them available to eligible employers.

APPLICATION PROCESS

 Application to NDPERS <u>prior to conducting</u> the <u>program.</u>

 Applications and related information available from NDPERS web site:

www.nd.gov/ndpers --- Program Administration



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Reviewed by Wellness Benefit
 Committee
 - BCBS
 - State Health Department
 - NDPERS

 Will be notified of Committee's decision within 60 days.

REIMBURSEMENT

- Two options:
 - Reimburse vendor direct
 - Provide an itemized invoice
 - Reimburse the employer
 - Provide an itemized invoice
 - Copy of cancelled check
- Submit to NDPERS

Reimbursement is made by BCBSND

PROGRAMS FUNDED

- Preventive screening clinics
- Video and workbook educational series' on healthy life styles
- On-site flu shot programs
- On-site wellness fairs
- Education on nutrition and exercise

PROGRAMS FUNDED

- Various walking programs
- 5-A-Day Challenge; healthy eating habits
- Fitness programs promoted by various vendors (Yoga, stretching, strength training)

